

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ROYAL JOHNSON**, on February 3, 1999 at
8:05 A.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Royal Johnson, Chairman (R)
Sen. Daryl Toews, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Ken Miller (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Amy Carlson, OBPP
Marty Eddleman, Committee Secretary
Bob Tallerico, Legislative Branch
Sandy Whitney, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:
Executive Action: Office of Public Instruction;
Commissioner of Higher
Education

Called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman Royal Johnson.

EXHIBIT(jeh27a01) Legislative Budget Analysis
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1}

EXHIBIT(jeh27a02) handed out by Sandy Whitney
EXHIBIT(jeh27a03) handed out by Amy Carlson

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Amy Carlson explains exhibit 3

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Senator Toews suggests 13% unrestricted funds on maintenance
Discussion

Tabled action till Friday

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Motion/Vote: REP. BUZZAS moved TO RECONSIDER THE ACTION THE
COMMITTEE TOOK ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET. Motion carried 4-2
with Buzzas and Jergeson voting no.

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Tuition/preventive maintenance

Sandy Whitney explains:

EXHIBIT(jeh27a04)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2 - 4}

Senator Toews requested a language intent but no line item
needed.

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Rep. Bergsagel agrees that the committee needs to make a
statement that maintenance needs attention.

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Senator Miller wanted to be on recorded as agreeing with Senator
Toews and Rep. Bergsagel.

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Senator Jergeson stated that he was against this idea.

Motion: SEN. TOEWS moved TO STATE INTENT THAT 13% of current
operating funds IS FOR OPERATING MAINTENANCE IN TITLE 7.

Discussion:

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motion fails 3-3

No further action.

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Senator Miller inquired about motion to reduce tuition.

Chairman Johnson said there is no appropriate motion.

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Talent Search on page E-84

Sandy Whitney explains.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.6 - 18.9}

There was discussion but no motion.

Perkins Administration on page E-85

Motion: SEN. JERGESON moved TO RECONSIDER MOTIONS MADE ON DP-802
PERKINS ADMINISTRATION.

Discussion:

Motion to reconsider motion passes 4-2 with Bergsagel and Miller
voting no.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23}

Motion: SEN. JERGESON moved TO ACCEPT DP-802 ON PAGE E-85 AS ONE
TIME ONLY.

Discussion:

Motion: SEN. MILLER moved APPROVE FUNDING BUT NOT THE FTE AND
STILL ONE TIME ONLY.

Discussion:

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: A; Approx. Time Counter : 8}**

Substitution Motion passes 4-2 with Jergeson and Buzzas voting
no.

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Sandy Whitney explains Interest Earnings.

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Discussion

Motion: SEN. MILLER moved TO INCREASE MTAP BY \$112,000.

Discussion:

Substitute Motion: REP. BERGSAGEL made a substitute motion TO
KEEP WITH 1997 INTENT.

Discussion:

Rep. Bergsagel restated her motion.

Motion fails 4-2 with Bergsagel and Miller voting no.

Senator Miller withdrew his motion.

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Sandy Whitney explains Commissioner's Budget on page E-67
Chairman Johnson explains further.

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Discussion

**Motion/Vote: SEN. TOEWS moved TO PUT COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET IN TO
LUMP SUM FUNDING. Motion carried 5-1 with Bergsagel voting no.**

Add language to bill from exhibit 5

EXHIBIT(jeh27a05)

Discussion

Break

Reconvened at 9:50 a.m

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Bob Tallerico questioned of the Montana School for the Deaf and
Blind increase in salary for interpereters was meant to be a
restricted appropriation. The answer was yes..

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

**Motion: SEN. TOEWS moved DESIGNATE THE BASE AMOUNT (#350,000 FOR
THE BIENNIUM FOR IMPROVING MONTANA SCHOOL PROGRAM ONE TIME ONLY.**

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Discussion:

Senator Toews withdrew motion until later

Chairman Johnson adjourned meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

REP. ROYAL JOHNSON, Chairman

MARTY EDDLEMAN, Secretary

RJ/ME

EXHIBIT (jeh27aad)